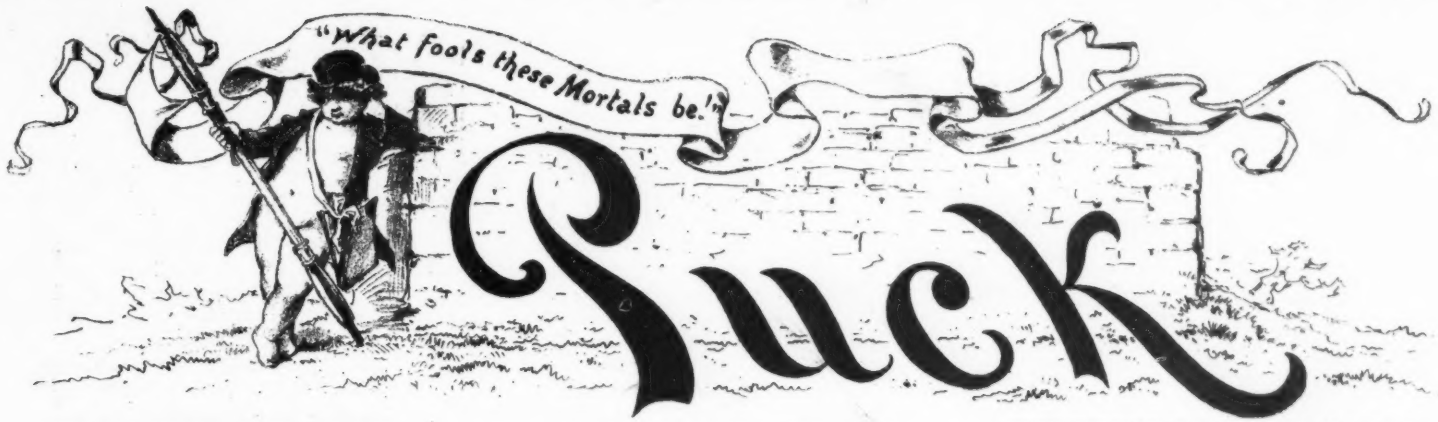


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The next number of PUCK will be the Washington Centennial Number, and will contain thirty-six pages, including a four-page commemorative cartoon by Mr. J. Keppler; but the price will remain the same as usual,—TEN CENTS.

CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

IF A DOWN-TRODDEN SUBJECT of Great Britain, the son of a peerage-ridden land, the blind worshiper of stars and garters, were to ask a free-born American to point out the controlling factor in our political system: the power that brought men into prominence and gave them the chief places of the government, how would the free-born American answer him?

"You have no aristocracy of birth," the Briton would say: "therefore it is not social standing that puts men to the front in your country. Nor can it be that your successful public men are selected from what you call the aristocracy of brains; for, according to the accounts of your untrammelled press, many of your legislators and executive officers are ignorant and incompetent. They can not be selected for their exceptional probity, for this same untrammelled press imputes to many of them the most disgraceful sort of corruption, and they never punish their accusers, as would private citizens who were slandered. We understand, of course, that you have public men who are of good standing in the community, and who are both able and honest. But such men are clearly in a minority among your office-holders. Now, what is the power that lifts the others above the rest of your people, puts them in place and keeps them there?"

The American, if he had to answer truly to such an inquiry, would have no choice but to say:

"Money. Some of our public men get their places because they are rich and can spend money to secure them. Others are able to induce their party to spend the money necessary to procure their election. Still others are elected because they are the friends, allies or servants of rich men, whose interests are affected by legislation, and who are willing to buy place or power for those who will be of service to them. Very few indeed are elected solely for their fitness and without the use of money or its equivalent in patronage."

It would be hard indeed for an American citizen, with any pride in his citizenship, to make this confession to an Englishman; but he would have to make it, if he meant to tell the truth. We can understand that, under such circumstances, our fellow-countryman might be sorely tempted to prevaricate, or even to lie outright. But whether he lied or told the truth, the humiliating facts would remain the same.

But perhaps the American citizen who reads this does not believe that these are the humiliating facts. Perhaps he thinks these assertions are but gloomy, cynical, pessimistic generalities. If he does, let him think the situation over for himself. We will suppose that he is a citizen of New York. Let him consider how the municipal government of that city is constituted; how the legislative and executive officers of the state are chosen, and how the state itself is represented in the national government. The most prominent officials of the city are the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen. The Mayor is elected by the vote of the whole town, and is, as a rule, a reputable man. To be elected, however, he must have the nomination of his party, and, to all intents and purposes, he must pay for that nomination by giving office to his supporters. About the Board of Aldermen nobody has any delusions. It is mainly composed of irresponsible men of no character—many of them liquor-dealers. They buy their places with money and patronage, and they themselves, for the most part, may be bought singly like cabbages or in bunches like radishes. Passing to the state government, he will find in the Governor and the Legislature a state Mayor and a state Board of Aldermen with two houses. There are plenty of honest men in both houses; but there is generally a good working majority of men who have bought their

places to sell themselves, and who, when they are not passing bills to benefit rich corporations at the expense of the people, are engaged in introducing bills designed to damage the same corporations—bills which disappear when their promoters are bought off.

But there remains the national government. And can the citizen lay his hand on his heart and say that the congressman from his district spent no money, (over and above his legitimate expenses,) either out of his own pocket or out of his party's funds, to insure his election? If he can, he is able to do more than the congressman can, unless he is a very remarkable and a very lucky congressman. But who is it who sits in judgement on the acts of the congressman? The President of the United States: the Chief Magistrate of the nation. And in 1880 the party that elected the President openly boasted that it had bought the vote of the State of Indiana with "soap." In 1888 the same party announced, in advance, that it intended to buy the vote of the same state with "fat"—and did it.

These may be broad and sweeping assertions; but any one who honestly seeks to verify them will find them specific enough—and the verification easy enough. This makes a bad showing, not for our system of government, but for our system of politics; and it makes a worse showing for our people, in that they not only tolerate these things, but tolerate their being made matters of common report, without feeling the sense of personal shame and individual responsibility. If the attention of an honest citizen is called to the disgrace of our politics, he has but one reply to make: "Oh, yes, I suppose there is a good deal of corruption in politics. But then you can't help it. It has always been so. And of course the reports are greatly exaggerated. And then, we seem to be getting along pretty well. I guess there's no great harm done."

Yet there is a great harm done—in setting up an example that encourages dishonesty in commercial life and lowers the standard of citizenship and civic manhood.



FOLLOWING A GOOD EXAMPLE.

MRS. RIVERSIDE RIVES (after dinner).—Always the first to rejoin the ladies, Mr. Stone; I'm afraid you're not much of a smoker.

MR. JAMES BROWNE STONE.—No, my dear Mrs. Rives, I have n't smoked a cigar since I was fifty years old, and, in consequence, just see how hale and hearty I am at sixty-eight!

MRS. RIVERSIDE RIVES (thoughtfully).—Yes, indeed; and, do you know, since it's done you so much good, I'm just going to insist on Rivvy smoking until he's fifty, too!



an EASTER SYMPHONY.

SHE HAD a flower face
And a lovely Easter bonnet,
And her eyes were just as blue
As the violets upon it;

Her tailor gown of gray
Fell in straight and classic fold;
She had a smile that angels wear,
Her crinkled hair was gold.

She knelt on velvet cushions
And her pretty head bent low;
Her cheek was like a rose leaf,
Her brow was like the snow;

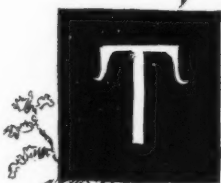
Her dainty gray-gloved hand
Held a book of violet plush,—
She seemed a perfect symphony
Within the Easter hush.

But when with eyes uplifted
She sang the chant in C,
The very rafters throbbed in pain,
For her voice was pitched in G.

Marjorie Muchmore.



FIXING UP THE PLACE.



THIS IS THE PLEASANT TIME when most people in the country turn their attention to fixing up the place. Fixing up the place does not consist entirely in raking the fertilizer off the lawn, and planting grass seed, but generally embraces a little of that improvement which comes under the head of landscape gardening.

Fixing up the place seems to go hand-in-hand with house-cleaning, but it is a more hazardous undertaking,—because when you fix up the place you are at the mercy of local workmen who know just how to wring the utmost cent out of you.

They suggest a blind drain here, and a flower bed there, and a little grading over yonder by the chestnut, which ought to be replaced by a Norway maple.

Then you are told your road will never be all right until it is dug out a foot and filled with stone ballast; and that you will never be sure of your health until you have a drain put in front of your house, where there is a good fall.

Then you are informed that rolling will do your lawn no good—after it has been rolled for five dollars—and they suggest that you have it all ploughed and leveled, after which they hint that the place will never look just right until there are rose bushes around the front-door, and honeysuckles and wistaria on the piazza, and some ampelopsis meandering up the chimneys.

And when they get through fixing your place, they leave it in such shape that it will require more fixing than ever next year, and be open to more suggestions for expensive, but, of course, necessary alterations.

R. K. M.

WORKS BOTH WAYS.

Tennyson may be right in his assertion that "T is only noble to be good;" but we would be willing to wager a small amount, and give odds, that, looking at the nice office of Secretary of the Interior, a good many people recognize the fact it is also good to be Noble.

NO TROUBLE TO FIND THEM.

YOUNG MR. NEWED (to REAL-ESTATE AGENT).—I wish to get a two-story house with eight or nine rooms, for, say, forty-five dollars a month.

REAL-ESTATE AGENT.—Yes, sir. Which do you prefer, Flatbush or Hoboken?

DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

NEW YORKER.—Is there more than one family of Biddles?

PHILADELPHIAN.—It is difficult to decide. The poor Biddles say all Biddles are related; but the rich Biddles say it is n't so.

PLACE AND LOCALITY.

MORRIS PARKE.—Hello, Squeer; where are you going?

MADISON SQUEER.—Out West, to fit myself for a Government position.

MORRIS PARKE.—What can you gain out there to help you?

MADISON SQUEER.—The "geographical qualification."

THE OLD, FAMILIAR FACES.

VISITOR FROM INDIANAPOLIS (to WHITE HOUSE BABY).—Well, Benny, I suppose you find Washington very different from your old home?

BENNY (cheerfully).—Oh, not much, sir. I miss the old streets and buildings, of course, but the people all seem to be here.

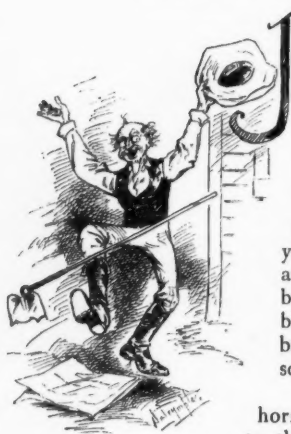


THE PRESENT EPIDEMIC.

STAR ACTRESS.—Ladies and gentlemen, I never disappoint my friends. Now, Antony, get over in your corner and we'll start the circus.

DAIRY SCHOOLS.

ALBANY.—An appropriation of \$50,000 is asked to provide dairy schools throughout the State, where there will be efficient teachers to instruct young men and young women to milk cows in an artistic and economical manner.—*N. Y. Sun.*



JUST AT PRESENT every farmer in the State of New York should be so thoroughly happy that he should be able to straighten his figure that has been bent like a crescent through stooping to drop corn and hoe potatoes. He should caper lightly over the barn-yard like a tricksy fay, and not allow his ecstasies of bliss to cause him to forget to feed coarse corn to the Shanghai and pop-corn to the bantam. His overalls should seem broadcloth, his rye coffee raised in the back-yard should appear nectar, — although rye is a failure as coffee, because it was never intended for any thing but whiskey. He should dance to the airs of the birds, and warble tender lyrics at the pig-stye in the beautiful hog Latin of the Cincinnati preparatory school.

And all this unbounded joy on the part of the horny-handed whacker of the soil should be attributed to the fact that an appropriation of \$50,000 has been asked to establish dairy schools throughout the State, that young men and women may be properly instructed into the mysteries of milking, and getting the greatest quantity of butter out of the smallest quantity of milk.

Thus it will be seen that during the monotony of Winter the farmer can go to dairy school and become familiar with the art of milking to such an extent that he will know how to keep the cow from sidling out of reach just as he is properly braced on the stool, and has secured the magic purchase.

Perhaps the dairy school will suggest milking stools on wheels, so that if the cow does caper about, the farmer will be all right so long as he does n't lose his grip; and it may suggest, also, that the milk-pail have straps on it, that the milker may wear it like a drum while in action.

It is also fair to assume that, as there is a proper way to milk, there will be less trouble experienced with the cow when she realizes the pleasant fact that she is being milked in a truly orthodox fashion. She may stand with the heroic calmness of a messenger boy, while contributing to the farmer's prosperity in the holy hush of even, when the vesper chimes float like a benison o'er the nodding flowers, and the sun drops behind the western hill like a cake of golden butter.

It would be a great boon to humanity if the farmer only knew how to farm; and it is therefore pleasant to reflect that there is a possibility of a dairy school being started. It is also a blessing when we consider that the appropriation is asked that farmers may not only be taught to milk



A BAD BREAK.

"So you want a place on the staff?" inquired the editor of a comic paper. "Have you had any experience?"

"Not on a regular paper," replied the applicant; "but I have been cracking jokes all my life."

"Umph!" returned the editor. "Any references?"

"Nobody except Miss Giggle," he answered with a blush; "she once said I was too funny for any thing."

"In that case I guess you're too funny for us."

economically, but artistically. What a holy wedding that, of economy and art! Heretofore the art of milking has been all of a "get there" order, and the economy has been simply the assistance of the pump.

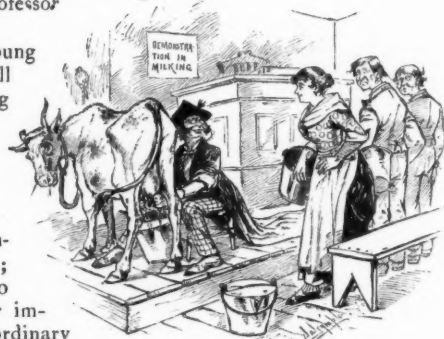
It is safe to assume that the Professor of Milking is a dignitary that shall soon dawn upon the world, to receive the same respect and consideration that it showed the O'Callaghan Lecturer and Emeritus Professor of something or other.

And ultra-aesthetic young women of Boston, we will say, will tire of Browning and Tolstoi, and take up milking and butter-making, and make it a beautiful fad on Beacon Street and the Back Bay.

We believe in improving the farmer; and where there is so much room for improvement, no ordinary effort in this direction

can fail. But the improvement of the ground-thumper should not stop at milking. He should be taught to keep the chips from last Winter's chopping out of his neck-whiskers. He should be taught that to wear a shirt without a collar is as far from right as wearing a collar without a shirt. He should be informed that collar buttons were never intended to be worn in cuffs, and that the gas should always be turned off and not blown out on retiring. After he knows these things by heart as well as he understands the mysteries of milking, and the art of charging hotel rates in Summer, he will not be so universally regarded as only a fit subject for the pencil of the acrobatic artist.

R. K. M.



JUST THE THING FOR THE PARKS.

Puck's Patent Combined Baby-Carriage and Tricycle.

"WHAT'S IN A NAME?" — A Good Fat Foreign Mission Sometimes.

MRS. BLUESTOCKING'S three-volume novel has had its day, and died; but now comes Mrs. Bluestocking with the three-volume work on a bit of sixteenth century history. If the book-making fiend's rake is dragged through the ashes of the nineteenth century, as it has been through the ashes of the sixteenth, there will not be a trousered ghost in the Unknown World who will not regret his birth.



SOME SELECTED ADVERTISEMENTS.

Bargain! Bargain! Bargain!

READ THIS:

Mrs. Buhl, of London, recently paid \$250 for a four-cent stamp.—*Daily Paper*.

THEN THIS:

I am offering, for thirty days, ten two-cent stamps for twenty cents. Ten four-cent stamps for forty cents. Ten ten-cent stamps for one

dollar. Call early and avoid the rush.

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FOR SALE.—A Fine Lot of Slightly Damaged Bibles. One large Family Testament, with Genesis cut out. At *Mail and Express Office*.

SEND two-cent stamp to J. G. B., State Department, Washington, and get a portrait of the real President of the United States.

WANTED — One New Joke. Must — BADLY.

WANTED — be absolutely free from — BADLY.

WANTED — burrs. *Life*, N. Y. — BADLY.

GO TO RUSK FOR SEEDS.

PAPER MANUFACTURERS are requested to compete for the *Evening World* award for fifteen thousand reams of royal-purple paper, to be used in printing the Queen Victoria's Birthday Edition.

WITH A TANNER in the Pension Office, no applicant should be obliged to "travel on his uppers."

TALK IS CHEAP, but some people are always trying to get a corner in it.

"STRAIGHT TREES have crooked roots." So have "straight" railroads.

THE FUGILIST of to-day is more mighty at the bottle than the battle. If fewer corks were drawn, fewer contests would be.



IT CAME HIGHER.

(Scene.—N. Y. Banking House.)

SIR ROTTEN ROWE (just over, to OFFICE BOY, who has brought him some American money).—What is this?

OFFICE BOY.—One cent, Sir!

SIR ROTTEN ROWE (with satisfied air).—Ah, yes; I can tip me hotel waiter with it!

OFFICE BOY (aside).—Guess he don't know the animal!

THE PRAYER OF THE DOG.

Oh, steer my bark where I may bite
The man whose trouser legs are tight!
I can not grip those weak buffoons
Who wear the wide-spread pantaloons.

J. H. C.

NOBLESSE OBLIGE.

There's a good deal in human nature after all. A dollar insurance assessment is a dollar insurance assessment, any way you look at it, but it does take several cents worth of sting out of it when the Past Grand Worshipful Exalted Treasurer merely reminds his Worthy Grand Venerable Brother that \$1.00 is required of him by Royal Grand International Adullam Lodge, Venerable Machpelah Chapter, No. 29. "Dear Sir—yours truly" would n't fetch him half so quick.

HIDING HIS LIGHT.

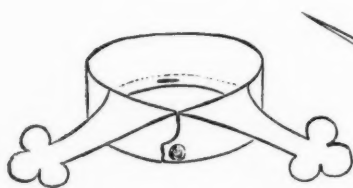


MR. IPSCHNEID.—Sells you nice diamont shtud sheap, mine frent. Don'd gif it away! It vas shmuggled!



MR. HERSOOT.—Thanks; I've got one!

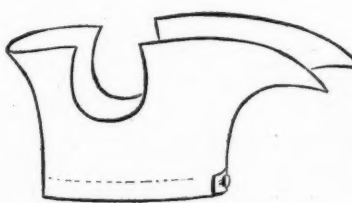
COLLARS FOR CONNAISSEURS



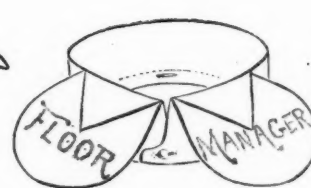
"Four-ox-in-hand."



"Cloyed Cliquot."



"Washabestanessahasset."



"Le Grand Canyon."

TROY, N. Y., April 14th, 1889.

TO THE EDITOR OF PUCK — Sir:

Never since the good old days when Helen kept a millinery store on River Street, and the citizens got up a deal in wooden horse-flesh, has this municipality been in such need of outside advice and assistance. There is a possibility of your having heard that there is a small establishment here for the manufacture of men's collars.

You've got an indistinct idea that there is, any how, and we'll let the fact go without more comment.

Now, the select fourteen of Troy, at a meeting held at the residence of ex-Patroon van Van, on the hill, determined that there was too much sameness manifested in their neck-girdles, and that hereafter each member should adopt a unique and distinguishing pattern in collars, which should afford a pleasing variety at the contra-dances and sociables which prevail here; and, at the same time, stamp an upper-class Troy man as being emphatically what he is — a *connaisseur* in shirt-tops. The firm I have mentioned were called on to furnish designs and designations for the new insignia; but, at present writing, they have succeeded in turning out but six examples of their handicraft, and the remaining eight are yet to be decided upon. I have had the privilege of inspecting those already manufactured, and at the risk of being premature, I beg to hand you diagrams of the same, which, in the event of your caring to make further suggestions, will prevent duplication.

The first one is called the "Four-ox-in-hand," and is designed to wear with a diamond collar-button and no neck-tie — the foliated ends taking the place of the latter.

Then comes the "Cloyed Cliquot," a collar, which, from its aggressive grace of construction, and as a con-

versation discourager, is bound to suit its wearer, who is a very taciturn man. By simply turning his head suddenly, he can always spear his antagonist and stop the argument.

Next on the list we have the "Washabestanessahasset," of which I present a side elevation and perspective in one. The elevation is apparent, and the slots in either side are for the protrusion of ears.

The "Le Grand Canyon" is intended for special use at Germans, Virginia reels, and West Troy Armory parties.

The utility and warmth of outline stick right out of this brand, and it thoroughly describes itself.

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to give a fancy-dress party, the "Masquerade" springs right into the breach, and is all that can be asked for in the way of a substantial disguise. At the unmasking, the points can simply be turned down at the dotted lines, and Troy beauty allowed to beam again.

The sixth and last of these creations has been designed for one of the members who is noted for his gastronomic predilections, and is called "Terrapin." The points are so fashioned that they can be rolled down over the shirt-front, and thus take the place of the napkin, when the wearer is trying to drink Regents' punch without a fork.

These six are the only ones evolved so far; and, as I intimated in the beginning of this screed, social matters here are at a stand-still. Can't some of your bright young men, who occasionally wear collars, send on some fresh ideas. They will be gladly welcomed, and paid for in Hudson River Bridge tickets, which are 'way above par (and Albany).

Write soon, and don't suggest a halter. That has already been done.

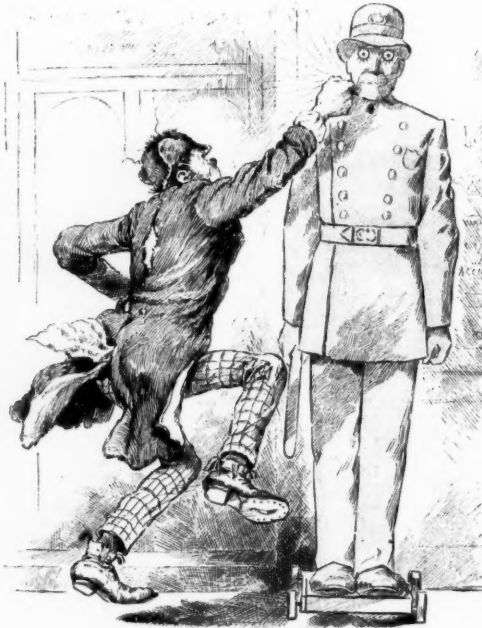
Yours invariably,

J. S. G.

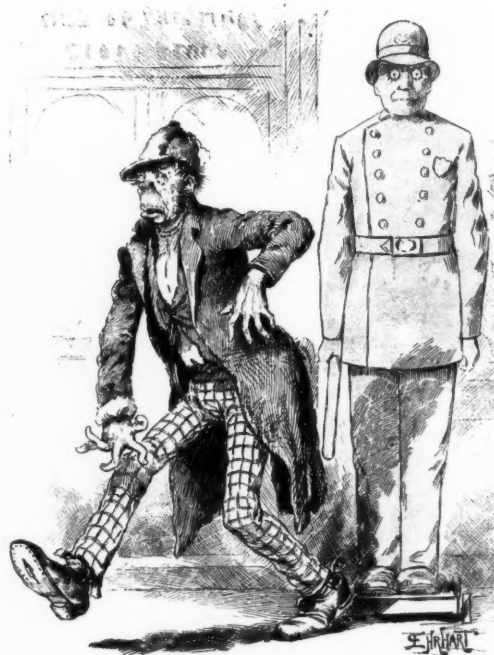
CASSIDY'S MISTAKE.



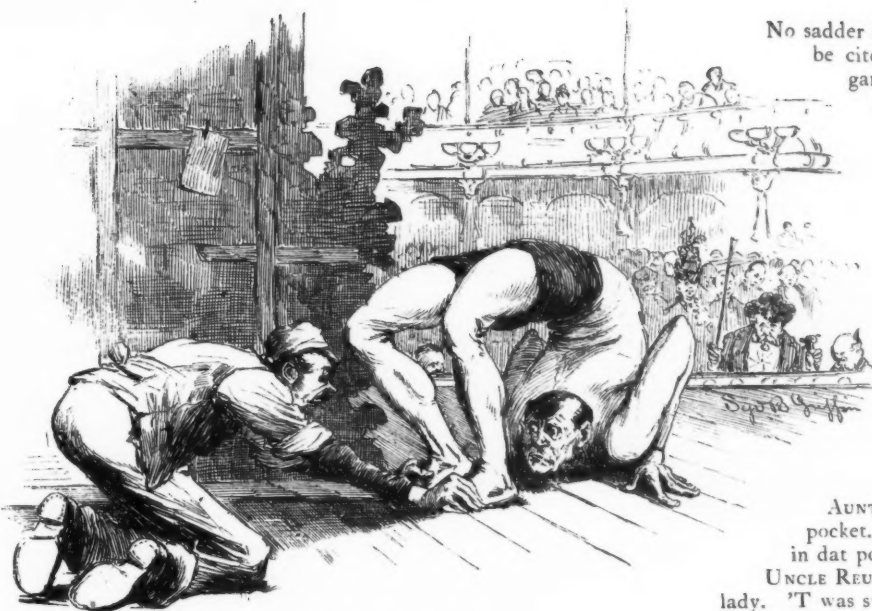
CASSIDY.—It ain't me that's sheared be a bum copper, wid th' pull Oi hev! Who are yez shartin' at?—



—Tek thot, yez adamahoun, an' kape yure eyes to yuresilf!—



—Phwist! but av Oi had th' cheek on me that wan has, Oi'd be Prisdint! Oi'm long enough here Oi t'ink!



AT A DISADVANTAGE.

STAGE CARPENTER (*to MONS. COMESTWISTO, the contortionist*). — You pays me that dollar you borrowed, or you don't go over!

EVERYBODY IN A MINORITY.

Things are in a queer way in England, according to the foreign despatches in the American newspapers. "Everybody" is down on the conservatives. "Everybody" admires Sir Charles Russell's speeches. "Everybody" is bored by Attorney General Webster's remarks. "Everybody" rejoices with Parnell. "Everybody" exults over the defeat of the *Times*. "Everybody" feels an icy coldness toward Queen Victoria. "Everybody" thinks Ireland ought to have all she wants. "Everybody" considers Balfour a brute. "Everybody" would like to see the Irish landlords routed out of house and home. "Everybody" sympathizes with tenants evicted for the trifling cause of non-payment of rent. "Everybody" admires, worships, adores the Grand Old Man, and "Everybody" thinks that Salisbury is a tyrant and generally no good. And yet there is n't enough of "Everybody" to get up a majority against the Conservative party and thus bring in the millennium on a platter. Answers to the above prize puzzle will be received up to April 1st last.

A FAMILY TRAIT.

BENNY. — Oh, Grandpa, see! Little sister has opened her mouth and is trying to put her foot in it.

THE PRESIDENT (*wearily*). — Yes, my child; and I have no doubt that the effort will be attended by success — if she takes any after her grandfather.

CHAINED TO DUTY.

DISGUSTED AMERICAN. — Jerusalem Crickets! If you fellows want liberty for Ireland, why in tarnation don't you go there and fight for it?

ENTHUSIASTIC IRISHMAN. — Sure, now, how can we? If we'd all lave, what wud become o' y'r Amirikin city goov-ernments?

SONG OF THE weary journalist to the newly-arrived joke:

"Oh, you've been here before,
many a time, many a time;
Oh, you've been here before,
many a time!"

WANTED — A Society for the Sup-pression of Useless Societies.



REQUIRES PERSISTENT EFFORT.

MR. ALGERNON KEEPS. — You find it a rather difficult task, don't you, Roger?

LITTLE ROGER (*manipulating the puzzle*). — Yes; sister Gertie says it's 'most as hard to get these pigs in the pen, as it is to get you into Maillard's.

A SHALLOW PRETEXT.

No sadder instance of the snobbishness infesting the age can perhaps be cited than that afforded by the actions of society with regard to Mr. Cook of this city. A poor young man, he opened a small room downtown, where of mornings he sold portions of cornmeal and oatmeal mush to such as could not afford the high-priced menu of Delmonico. Wherein was the crime? He became rich, and after a few years secured a residence on the Avenue and presented himself as a well-wisher to the amenities of society. Society would have none of him. Why? Because of his education? No; he was as ill-educated as the best. Because of his appearance? No, again; he was sufficiently ugly. It was not because of the spirit he showed, for in his new riches he was proud and insolent. The reason lay in that small room where he sold mush. The snobs claimed he belonged to the mushroom aristocracy, and would have none of him.

SNATCHED FROM DANGER.

AUNT DINAH. — Tek off yo' coat, now, 'n' I'll men' de to n pocket. Ough! yo' got sump'n' clammy in dat pocket. What is it, man?

UNCLE REUB. — Dat's a picked chick'n, lady. 'T was swingin' in de win' front o' de butcher's, 'n' dey was a tramp comin' up de street; 'n' says I, "Chick'n, yo' ain' safe," 'n' I put it in my pocket. De tramp would a stole dat chick'n, suah.



THE NAKED TRUTH.

JOHNSON. — Is there any thing new about Anthony Comstock?

JACKSON. — Yes; they say now that he actually dreads the approach of night. The bare thought of Eve is too much for him.

A SKETCH ON THE EAST SIDE.

"How much can I get on this?"

The childish face looked upward appealingly to the hard visage that gazed down contemptuously upon the little outstretched hand.

(Ah, the old, pitiful story — childhood too soon pressed into the service of grinding poverty — the last fond relic of happier days pledged for bread and fire.)

"Not more 'n a pint," said the ice-cream vender, as he took the saucer: "if your Ma wants a quart, she'd oughter 've give yer a bigger plate, sonny."

SYLVANUS. — We can not use your joke about the brakeman being the non-conductor of the lightning express. Go to thunder!

THE MAN who lost his shadow was being looked for by our able detectives.

THE CRITIC is the barber of letters. He lets his own face go, and lives by shaving other men.

BEAUTY MAY BE only skin deep; but the trouble nowadays is to tell how deep the skin is.

THE PIETY of the upper crust is largely mint's-piety.

IF WE SMART PEOPLE never made any mistakes, there would be pretty lean picking for the fools.

ONE COAT of tar and feathers will last a man a life-time.

NATURALISTS TELL US that the dugong is the same as the manatee. As we have the manatee, then the dugong is clearly superfluous.



J. Keppler

THE TRIUMPH OF
The People's Vote enslaved by Monopolists and Promoters of Bribe



TRIUMPH OF "BOODLE."
Promoters of Bribery, at the Beginning of our Nation's Second Century.



HARD TO SUIT.

PINNY POOLE (*chalking his cue*).—Did yer get that place in the downtown store, Ally?

ALLY ROUNDUP.—Naw.

PINNY POOLE.—What 's the matter? Did n't yer have references?

ALLY ROUNDUP.—I had nine of 'em from places I've worked at in the last two years, 'n' the old bloke was n't satisfied. He would n't be satisfied with nothin', he would n't. Bust 'em, Pinny.

SOME PEOPLE FEAR that there will be too much ledger de Maine in the book-keeping of the present Administration.

A HARD LIFE is the Railroad King's. If he says his line is prosperous, he is "bulling to unload;" if he does not, he is supposed to have ruined the property.

THE OYSTER, bivalve though he be, enjoys one conspicuous advantage over man. He seldom gets in the soup.

BULL-HEADED — The Gentleman Cow.

ADVERSITY MAY BE a good teacher; but she brings you down instead of bringing you up.

DINING-ROOM — An Empty Stomach.

"I DON'T KNOW who Hogarth is," said the General Passenger Agent; "his name is n't in the Travelers' Guide; but if his line can beat the beauty of the scenery along ours, I'll give you a free ticket!"

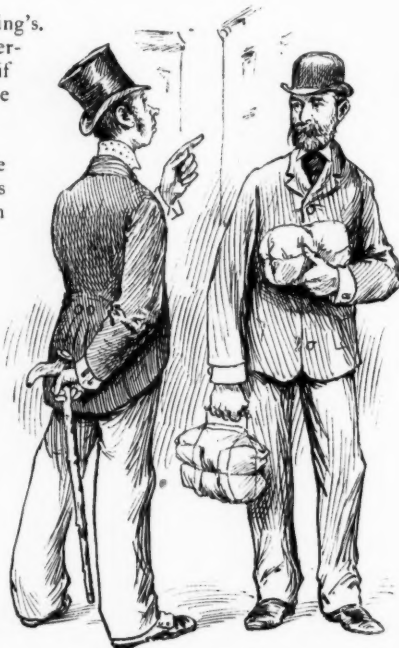
A SCRAP OF KNOWLEDGE — John Stuart Mill.

IN LIFE'S MASKED BALL there are many blessings in disguise; but we are generally content to let them waltz with the other fellow.

THE YOUNG IDEA may sometimes be best taught to shoot by putting it through a course of sprouts.

A WESTERN YOUNG MAN, named Duke, has eloped with a thirteen-year-old girl. From the high sense of honor he has displayed, one would think that his name was his title.

LAST WINTER'S COAT, with the lining torn out, is fashionable for office wear. It should be decorated with red ink and mucilage.



FATE WAS TOO STRONG FOR HIM.

SINGLE MAN. — So you've moved 'way out of the world, over on Long Island, have you? Well, I pity you; when I'm married, you'll never catch me moving over to Long Island!

WHAT THE PUBLIC WANTS.

TIRED CITIZEN.—Mr. Editor, here is a list of nuisances which the city authorities can easily abate, and—

EDITOR POLITICAL ORGAN.—There is no public interest in such matters, sir; but if you will bring me a list of nuisances in Dublin, for which the British government is responsible, we'll make Rome howl.

INFANTILE SOLILOQUY.

MARTHENA (*looking out of White House window*).—There comes another big crowd to shake hands with Grandpa. Poor man! It is quite a nuisance to be grandfather of the three smartest babies in the country, after all.

NO LAMP-POSTS PRESERVED.

MAYOR GRANT (*showing a Distinguished Foreign Visitor about*).—This, sir, is the Irish flag which floated with the stars and stripes above the City Hall on St. Patrick's Day, in recognition of the fact that the American people sympathize with the Irish love of liberty, and appreciate Irish patriotism in the war for the Union. Is there any thing else you would like to see?

FOREIGN VISITOR.—N'm—have you any of the lamp-posts on which the Irish hung negros when a draft was ordered for human freedom and the American Union?



OBSERVANT MAN.

"How do you like my new hat, John?" his wife inquired, as she stood before the mirror that sunny Easter Sunday morn.

"First-rate!" replied John, cordially: "nice hat! But look here, Eliza, you had a hat the summer we were engaged that suited you better than any hat I ever saw you wear. It was kind of like that one, only it was different, somehow. Why don't you get a hat like that again?"



1867—This was the hat.

APPROPRIATE READING-MATTER.

HOSTESS (*with a twinge of conscience, to Miss Amity Bleecker, who has been playing wall-flower all the evening*).—Ah, you seem pleasantly engaged! What are you reading—Emerson, is it not?

MISS BLEECKER (*bitterly*).—Yes; "Society and Solitude."

KNOWS HIS TRADE.

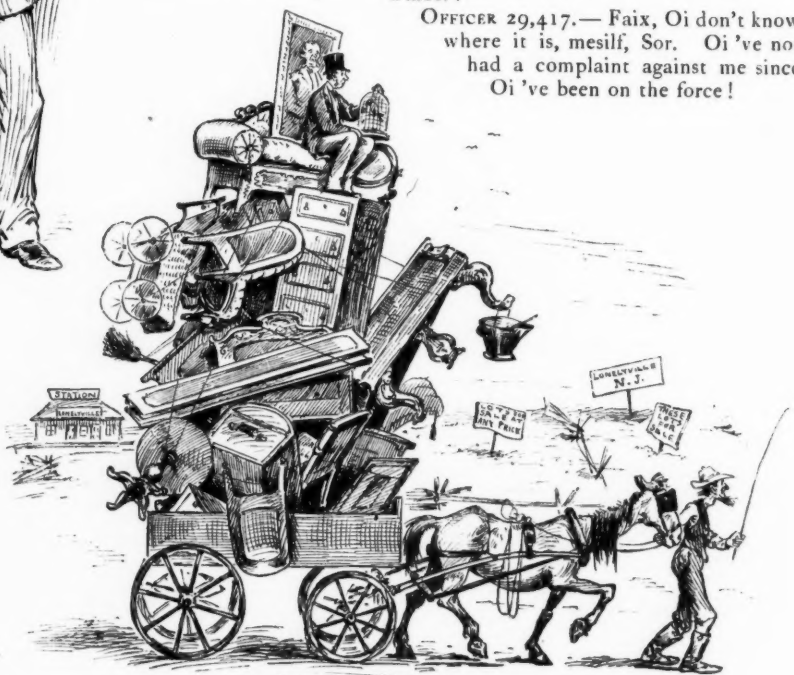
WAITER (*in all-night restaurant, at 2:30 a. m.*).—Gent orders lamb chops, and there ain't any.

PROPRIETOR (*glancing at clock*).—Well, give him an oyster stew, and say nothin'.

HE HAD NO BUSINESS THERE.

MR. PITT S. BURGH.—Can you direct me to Police Headquarters, Officer?

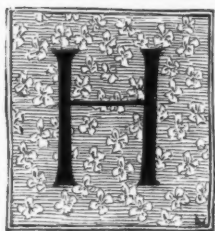
OFFICER 29,417.—Faix, Oi don't know where it is, mesilf, Sor. Oi've not had a complaint against me since Oi've been on the force!



(Two years later — married.) But he kept his word — he did not move to Long Island.

LANDLORD AND TENANT.

THE LANDLORD'S REFLECTION.



He's settled now within
my pretty house,
And Spring on me a
sweet impression
leaves
He'll happy be beneath
the shady boughs
While merry swal-
lows twitter on
the eaves.
I'll let him have it
very, very cheap;

But I'll be even with him, sure as fate.
I'll make his soul in bitter anguish weep,
Because the rent next year I'll elevate.
My house is full of angles quaint and queer,
And all these angles his new carpets fit.
No other house they'll fit, and never fear
He'll stand the raise, and will not "up and
git."
Better to stand a rent-raise every May
Than buy new costly carpets, any day.

THE TENANT'S REFLECTION.

My landlord is a very pleasant man,
His house is lovely and the rent is low,
The prospect beautiful, but still his plan —
His plan is cute — and very well I know
When Summer shines upon the pleasant plain,
And Autumn smiles upon the orchards ripe,
Contentedly I'll watch the dimpled grain,
And blow gay smoke-wreaths from my corn-
cob pipe.
Oh, I'll be happy as the morning lark,
E'en when the tree beneath the snow is bent
And slow approaches me the landed shark
And says, "next year, eight hundred is the
rent,"
I'll smile and say, politely as I can,
"My carpets all are rugs from Ispahan!"

R. K. M.

DIDN'T SUIT ALL HANDS.

N. O. GOODBODY (*coming out of church*). —
Ah, and what did you think of the "supply"
this morning, Mr. Near?
MR. N. G. NEAR. — Supply? Humph! He
seemed to me more like an exhaust!



LUXURY.

AUNT CHLOE. — G' 'way dar! you ornery cuss. I cain't
leabe dat chile 'lone fer a minnit wivout dat dawg goin' en
scratchin' hisself agin dem kinks!

A STRICT ECONOMIST.

"Well, if you want to talk business," said
Jonesby to Smitham, the other day, "I'm your
man. Come in here to Sowers's and we'll have
a drink while we're settling things."

"No," replied Smitham, sternly, "I'm derved
if I'll go to Sowers's. He charges thirty cents
for two drinks, and it's a confounded imposi-
tion. Jump into the car here and let's go up
to Snifter's Café — you can get two drinks for a
quarter there just as good as you can get any-
where in the city."

"Fares, please, gents!" said the car-conduct-
or, a few minutes later. And then Jonesby
looked at Smitham, and Smitham gazed upon
the countenance of Jonesby.

NOW COMES "Aprilis with his shoures sweet;" —
Now bud th' umbrella and the rubber boot.
Now is the real-estate man blithe and gay;
For rents will blossom on the First of May.

THE FRONTIERSMAN who shot an Indian corpse
did n't know it was Lo-dead.

THE DRY-GOODS MAN, who litters the sidewalk
from morning to night with his boxes, de-
clains with very poor grace against the over-
head-wire nuisance.



A COOLNESS BETWEEN FRIENDS —
Ice-cream.

THE OFFICE-SEEKER'S HYMN.

No more, dear friends, will Civil Service
Reform our spirits vex.
Strike for the spoils — and don't feel nervous;
'T is 'LXXXIX.

A BOOK WHOSE LAST PAGE
WE ALL DISLIKE TO REACH
— A Mileage Book.

SMALL TALK — Sam's Tem-
perance Speeches.

THE NEW British Minister
to this country is six
feet four inches in stature.
He comes high, but we must
have him.

THERE IS NO DANGER of
our Government grow-
ing too "paternal" just
now. The sons are car-
rying off all the rich
plums.

OUR GIANTS having re-
turned, there will now
be a close race between
the Base Ball and the
Centennial Ball, to crowd
everything else out of
the papers.

TO THE VICTORS belong
the spoils. This is
the reason why so many
are spoiled by success.

DID IT ELECT HARRISON?

The following appeared in a Minnesota paper:
"Members of the Democratic party have been using all
subterfuges to account for their overwhelming defeat,
and numerous are the causes alleged.

"I was talking with several of the vanquished on
Fourth Street the other day, opposite a bill board, and
one of the party exclaimed: 'If it had not been for the
closeness of the National Committee in the expenditure
of money, we would have elected our man. The Re-
publicans advertised their man like a circus.' Several
of the party remarked that no advertising was done
except small announcements in the papers, and a few
'hangers' on the dead walls.

"'Hangers?' said our informant. 'What do you
call that but a circus poster?' pointing to a twelve-sheet
medicine poster on the bill board, bearing the cuts of
Gen. Harrison and his grandfather.

"If the Democrats had advertised like that, Cleveland
would have been re-elected."

The poster referred to was one of the familiar black
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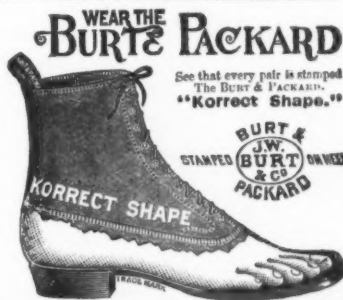
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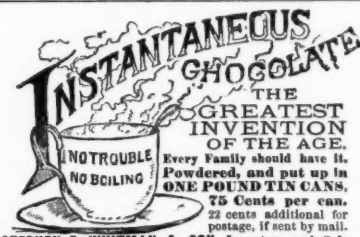
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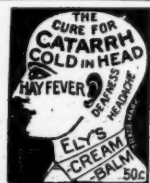
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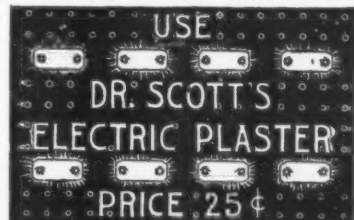
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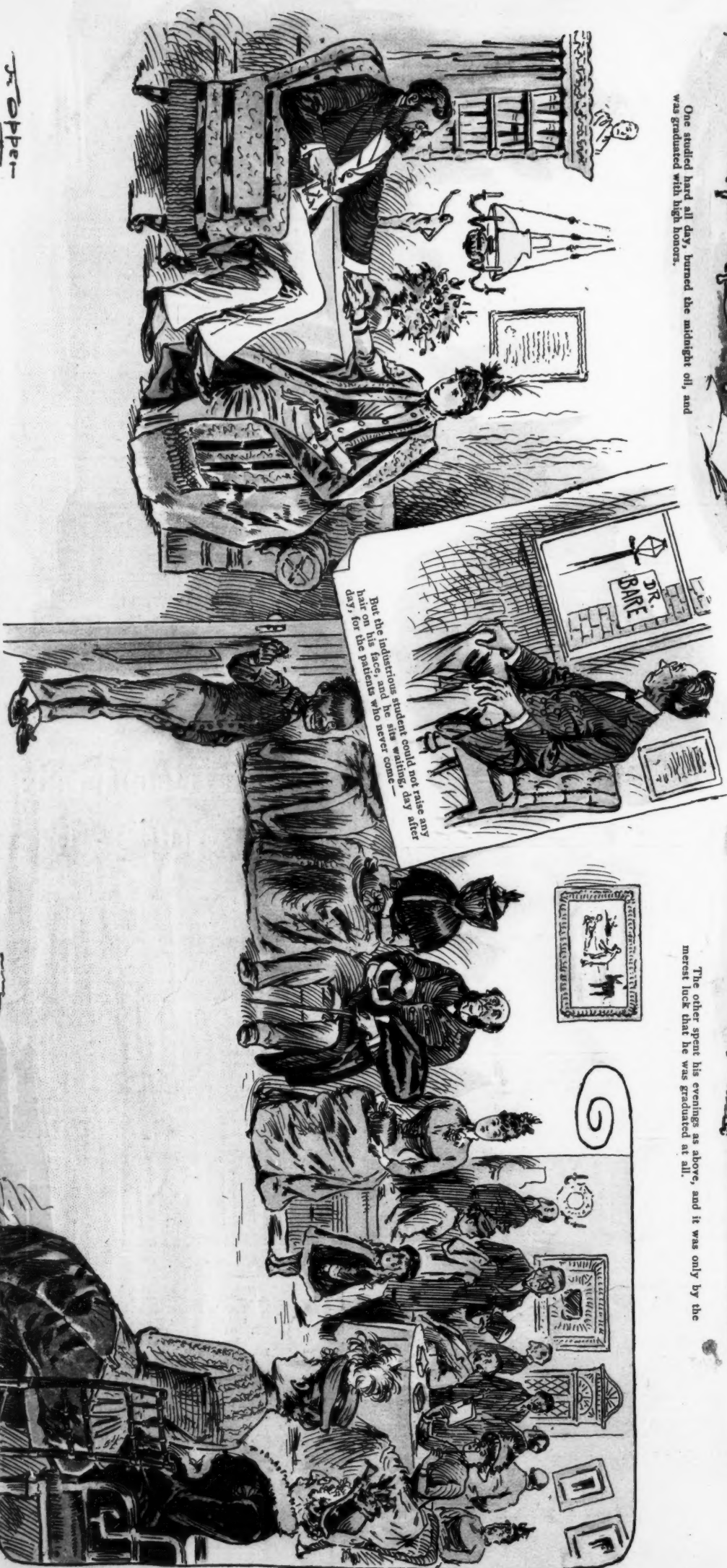
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